bers located in the multisioreyed buildings within 500 mts. of the Io- I cation of EPABX.

(4) EPABXs located in a private compound can cater to all type of buildings within the private compound.

(5) Extension users of EPABX will be allotted telephone numbers and these numbers will also be printed in telephone directory and they will be accessible from any telephone like nor mal DOT subscribers.

(6) The EPABXs franchisee will be allowed to charge the extension u'sers a maximum of Rs. 100/- p.m. as rent and call charges at a flat rate . of Rs. 1.25 per call unit.

(7) The franchise will be paid commission of 20 paise per call unit for first 10,000 call units, 15 paise per call unit from 10,000 to 20,000 call units and 10 paise per call unit beyond 20,000 call units on each out going junction in a month.

(d) The scheme will help in reducing the waiting list to the extent the wait listed applicants opt for connections from EPABXs run under franchise scheme.

Rural Postal Life Insurance Scheme

4496. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently launched rural postal life insurance scheme;

(b) if so, the place for which this scheme has been launched;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce the said scheme in all parts of the country, inckiding Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS MRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Scheme was introduced all over the country where *PLJ* work has been computerised. In all the States excfift J & K and West Bengal, PLI work has been computerised and hence the scehme has not been introduced in the two States.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Scheme has been introduced in Madhya Pradesh.

Panchayat Sanchar Seva Yojana

4497. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evol-Ved a new scheme, Panchayat Sanchar Seva Yojana;

(b) if so the main objectives of the scheme;

(c) whether the scheme has been ex tended in the tribal districts of Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details of work donei in that regard in Koraput district ot Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY CF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The objective oF the scheme is to provide basic postal facilities in the ruralll areas under supervision of the Panchayats and also to create opportu nities for gainful employment for the educated.

(c) and (d) The scheme is proposed to be extended in the whole country. The details of the scheme is being short fall finalised.

Computerised Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh

4498. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: WiH. the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh where computer- based counter service is proposed in the Action Programme of the Department, during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) what are the details of Post Offices city-wise, where this modernisaiion is proposed in the State- durin," 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) As a part of the Eighth Five Year plan prosramme, the department hals, till date, installed and commissioned 70 computer-based counter machines in 20 Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh.

Sixty-nine more such machines are pro-losed to be installed and commissioned in another 21 Post Offices in Madhya Pradesh during the current year. Installation of F'C based counter machines in Madhya Pradesh Circle during 1996.97 wiU be decided after due consid&rations.

Six Post Offices are proposed to be fully com.paterised by installation of counter machines during 1995.96. These Post Offices are: (i) Bhopal GPO

(ii) Hoshangabad Head Office

(iii) Bhilai Sub Office

(iv) Jabalpur Head Office

(v) Ujjain Head Office

(vii) Laskar Head Office, in Gwalior.

Allotment of STD/ISD booths to SCs/STs in Madhya Pradesh

4499. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many SC/ST candidates were given priority allotment of STD/ISD telephone booths in adhya Pradesh during the last" three years;

(b) how many applications are pending with Government for this purpose from the candidates belonging to these categories in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) by when Government propose to allot STD/ISD telephone booths to all the SC / ST candidatss who have applied for these booths from Madhya Padesh?

, THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTK *Y* OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHKH RAM) (a) and (b) Applicants belonging to SCs/ STs are given prsfereace in the matter of sanction of SID/lSD PCOs. No seperate records are, however, maintained regarding the no. of such applicants given allotment so far and whose applications are pending for allotment in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) All the eligible applicants including those belonging to SC/ST approved by STD PCO allotment committee would be allotted STD/ISD PCOs progressively subject to technical feasibility.

Reeruitnian's of Traines Engineers by VSNL

450O. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd., has recently recruited Trainee Engineering Officers;

(b) if so, when the interviews were held and how many candidates were selected;

(c) the details of candidates selected, with their qualifications;

(d) whether any complaints of malpractices in selection were received by Government; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The interviews were held in February 1995. 30 candidates were selected out of 154 candidates call;d for interview.

(c) Details of candidates selected with their qualifications are given in the annexed, statement. (See below).

(d) No, Sir-

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above-